

It is my understanding that you are considering allowing LPFM stations to have priority over FM translators, even those who are currently in operation. I am opposed to this for several reasons.

FIRST: FM translators provide a valuable community service, particularly for rural areas. Many of these translators are operated by non-profit organizations that provide cultural and religious programming. They have invested millions of donated dollars to provide these services nation-wide.

SECOND: The fairness doctrine provides that first-come, first-served is usually best. FM translators that are already licensed MUST take priority over LPFM licensees because to do otherwise is simply, not fair.

THIRD: I am not aware of ANY LPFM service that benefits the public interest in my service area. In contrast, there are MANY FM translators that service my area that allow me to receive the parent radio broadcasts.

Please do not allow LPFM licensees to have priority over FM translators!

Thank you.